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**From:** Scott, William (POL)  
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**To:** SFPD-Everyone  
**Subject:** Jeff Adachi Police Report Criminal Investigation

Members of San Francisco's Finest:

Over the last two weeks, our department has come under intense national scrutiny for our handling of an investigation into the illegal distribution of the Jeff Adachi police report.

After completing a top-to-bottom review of our criminal investigation into the unauthorized release of the Adachi report, I have decided that the criminal inquiry is best handled by an outside, independent agency. I have reached out to third-party agencies to take over the criminal investigation.

Here is why I made this decision:

I am specifically concerned by a lack of due diligence by department investigators in seeking search warrants. This has raised important questions about our handling of this case and whether the [California shield law](#) was violated. As the criminal investigation that led to the search warrant on Mr. Carmody's home continues, the Department of Police Accountability will investigate the polices and procedures utilized in this investigation. The Police Commission will also review our protocols involving members of the news media.

SFPD's [Statement of Values](#) specifies that "policing strategies must preserve and advance democratic values." The hardworking men and women of SFPD do incredible work to build trust and make San Francisco safer. While this entire incident has tarnished our department, we will benefit from third-party examination of this case, take away lessons learned and become a stronger, more effective San Francisco Police Department as a result.

Sincerely,

Chief Scott

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